

R E P O R T

FROM THE

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

ON THE

DUBLIN CORPORATION BILL

AND THE

CLONTARF URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL BILL;

WITH THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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DUBLIN CORPORATION BILL AND CLONTARF URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL BILL.

[Monday, 19th March 1900].—Dublin Corporation Bill and Clontarf Urban District Council Bill (by Order).

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate this Resolution, and to desire their concurrence.—(*The Chairman of Ways and Means*.)

[Friday, 23rd March 1900].—Message from the Lords.—Dublin Corporation Bill and Clontarf Urban District Council Bill.—That they concur with the Commons in their Resolution. "That it is expedient that the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.

[Thursday, 5th April 1900].—Resolution of the House of the 19th day of March, relative to the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill, which was ordered to be communicated to the Lords, and the Message from the Lords of the 23rd day of March signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution, read:—

Ordered, That the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Four Members nominated by the Committee of Selection to be joined with a Committee of four Lords.

That all Petitions in favour of or against the Bills, presented five clear days before the meeting of the Committee, be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard in favour of or against the Bills, and Counsel heard in support of the Bills.

That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint their Lordships that the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill have been committed to four Members of this House, to be joined with a Committee of four Lords pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 19th day of March, and to the Message from the Lords of the 23rd day of March signifying their concurrence thereto.—(*The Chairman of Ways and Means*.)

[Tuesday, 1st May 1900].—Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had nominated the following four Members to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill:—Mr. Whitmore, Sir Robert Mowbray, Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth, and Mr. Harwood.

[Friday, 11th May 1900].—Message from the Lords.—That they have appointed a Committee, consisting of four Lords, to join with the Committee of the Commons (pursuant to Message of this House of the 5th April), to consider the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill; and they propose that the said Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room A, on Thursday next, at Two o'clock.

Lords' message considered.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

R E P O R T.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords to consider the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill :—HAVE agreed to the following REPORT :—

That in the case of the Dublin Corporation Bill, the Bill gives no powers relating to police or sanitary regulations.

That the Bill does not give any powers which might have been obtained by means of bye-laws made subject to the restrictions of general Acts already existing.

That the Bill does not assign a period for the repayment of any loan, or for the redemption of any charge or debt under the Bill exceeding the term of forty years, or any period disproportionate to the objects of the loan.

That the Bill does not give borrowing powers for any purposes for which such powers already exist or may be obtained under general Acts.

That in pursuance of Standing Order No. 173, a Certificate of the Local Government Board for Ireland was laid before the Committee stating that the application for the Bill was made with the sanction and approval of the Board.

That no Report from any Government Department relative to the Bill has been referred to the Committee.

That there are no other circumstances of which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that the House should be informed.

Further that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same as amended to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Dublin Corporation and Clontarf Urban District Council Bills :—HAVE also agreed to the following SPECIAL REPORT :—

That in the case of the Dublin Corporation Bill they have approved the Bill with certain Amendments, among which are those excluding the two townships of Rathmines and Rathgar, and of Pembroke, from the extensions of the boundary of the City of Dublin.

Further, the Committee unanimously desire to call attention to the heavy burdens falling upon the City of Dublin ratepayers for objects to which the two townships of Rathmines and Pembroke do not in their opinion adequately contribute.

They are of opinion that these residential townships should be contributors to these burdens.

They invite the attention of the Government to this subject, and suggest that legislation should be proposed to Parliament following the principle of the law equalising rates in London.

The Committee have come to the unanimous conclusion that it would be a public advantage if there were one administration to control the drainage and sewers and treatment of the sewage for Dublin and the two townships. They think that it would be absurd if one part of the sewage were treated at Pigeon House Fort, and other parts discharged a little distance away, within the sea-walls of the bay, without corresponding treatment. They are also of opinion that the whole community benefits by the great works now being carried out for purifying the Liffey. And they recommend that legislative steps should be taken to constitute a joint Drainage Board for the City and the Townships of Rathmines and Pembroke—representing the Corporation and the two Urban District Councils—and to distribute over the entire area the past and future burden of both systems of drainage.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords, to consider the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill :—HAVE agreed to the following REPORT :—

That in the case of the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill, the Bill gives no power relating to police or sanitary regulations in conflict with deviation from or excess of the provisions or powers of the general law.

That the Bill does not give powers which can be obtained by means of bye-laws made subject to the restrictions of general Acts already existing.

That the Bill does not assign a period for the repayment of any loan or for the redemption of any charge or debt under the Bill exceeding the term of sixty years or any period disproportionate to the duration of the works to be executed or other objects of the loan, charge, or debt.

That the Bill does not give borrowing powers for any purposes for which such powers already exist or may be obtained under general Acts.

That the borrowing powers given by the Bill, the purposes for which the loans are authorised, and the period assigned for the repayment, appear in the Appendix.

That in pursuance of Standing Order No. 173 a Certificate of the Local Government Board for Ireland was laid before the Committee stating that the application for the Bill was made with the sanction and approval of the Board.

That no Report from any Government Department relative to the Bill has been referred to the Committee.

That there are no other circumstances of which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that the House should be informed.

Further, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same as amended to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

APPENDIX.

BORROWING POWERS.

No. of Clause.	Amount.	Purposes.	Period assigned for Repayment.
23	£. 8,000	Seawall and works in connection therewith.	Within sixty years.
25	Sum necessary	Costs of Act and other Parliamentary Costs.	Five years.

26 July 1900.

LORDS AND MEMBERS PRESENT, AND MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
AT EACH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 17th May 1900.

PRESENT :

Lord Fitzhugh.
Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Welby.
Lord Wenlock.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth.
Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Whitmore.

On the Motion of Viscount LLANDAFF, SIR UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH was called to the Chair.

[Adjourned till Wednesday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 23rd May 1900.

PRESENT :

SIR UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Lord Fitzhugh.
Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Welby.
Lord Wenlock.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Whitmore.
Mr. Harwood.

The Dublin Corporation Bill was considered.

Counsel:—Mr. Pender, q.c., Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, q.c., Mr. Seymour Bushe, q.c.,
Mr. Macinerny, q.c.

Agents:—Messrs. Sherwood & Co.

The following Petitions against the Bill were read:

1. RATHMINES AND RATHGAR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Counsel:—Mr. Little, q.c., Mr. Penbrake Stephens, q.c., Mr. John Gordon, q.c., Mr. J. W. Greig.

Agents:—Messrs. Holmes & Co.

2. PEMBROKE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Counsel:—Mr. Little, q.c., Mr. Penbrake Stephens, q.c., Mr. Dennis Henry, q.c.,
Mr. John Gordon, q.c., Mr. J. W. Greig.

Agents:—Messrs. Holmes & Co.

3. CLONTARF URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Counsel:—Mr. Worsley Taylor, q.c., Mr. T. L. O'Shaughnessy, q.c., Mr. C. Munroe.
Agents:—Messrs. Neish, Howell & Macfarlane.

4. RATHMINES AND PEMBROKE MAIN DRAINAGE BOARD.

Counsel:—Mr. Little, q.c., Mr. Penbrake Stephens, q.c., Mr. Dennis Henry, q.c.,
Mr. John Gordon, q.c., Mr. J. W. Greig.

Agents:—Messrs. Holmes & Co.

5. EARL OF PEMBROKE.

Counsel:—Mr. Dennis Henry, q.c.

Agents:—Messrs. Holmes & Co.

6. DUBLIN

6. DUBLIN UNITED TRAMWAYS COMPANY.

Counsel:—Reserved.

Agents:—Messrs. *Clay & Close*.

7. DUBLIN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TRAMWAYS COMPANY.

Counsel:—Reserved.

Agents:—Messrs. *Clay & Close*.

8. DRUMCONDRA, CLONLIFFE AND GLASNEVIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Counsel:—Reserved.

Agents:—Messrs. *Clay & Close*.

9. DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

Counsel:—Mr. *D. B. Sullivan*, q.c., Mr. *George Green*.Agents:—Messrs. *Batten & Co.*

10. NEW KILMAINHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Counsel:—Mr. *John O'Mahony*.Agents:—Messrs. *Batten & Co.*

11. HOLDERS OF RATHMINES AND RATHGAR TOWNSHIP IRREDEEMABLE STOCK.

Counsel:—Mr. *Littler*, q.c., Mr. *Pembroke Stephens*, q.c., Mr. *John Gordon*, q.c., Mr. *J. W. Greig*.Agents:—Messrs. *Holmes & Co.*

12. OWNERS IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF RATHMINES AND RATHGAR.

Counsel:—Mr. *Littler*, q.c., Mr. *Pembroke Stephens*, q.c., Mr. *John Gordon*, q.c., Mr. *J. W. Greig*.Agents:—Messrs. *Holmes & Co.*

13. OWNERS IN THE PEMBROKE URBAN DISTRICT.

Counsel:—Mr. *Littler*, q.c., Mr. *Pembroke Stephens*, q.c., Mr. *Despis Henry*, q.c., and Mr. *J. W. Greig*.Agents:—Messrs. *Holmes & Co.*

14. TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

Counsel:—Reserved.

Agents:—Messrs. *Dyson & Co.*

15. ALLIANCE AND DUBLIN CONSUMERS GAS COMPANY (AGAINST ALTERATION).

Counsel:—Reserved.

Agents:—Messrs. *Dyson & Co.*

16. DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD (AGAINST ALTERATION).

Counsel:—Reserved.

Agents:—Messrs. *Dyson & Co.*

17. OWNERS IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF RATHMINES AND RATHGAR (AGAINST ALTERATION).

Counsel:—Mr. *T. F. Taylor*, q.c.Agents:—Messrs. *Levin & Co.*

18. OWNERS IN THE PEMBROKE URBAN DISTRICT (AGAINST ALTERATION).

Counsel:—Mr. *T. F. Taylor*, q.c.Agents:—Messrs. *Levin & Co.*

Preamble read the first time.

Mr. *Peasler*, Q.C., was heard to open the case in support of the Preamble of the Bill, and called evidence.

Mr. *Henry Campbell* was sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Two o'clock.]

Thursday, 24th May 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.
Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Welby.

Mr. Harwood.
Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. *Henry Campbell* was further examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

Friday, 25th May 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Welby.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. *Thomas Wallace Russell* (a Member of the House), Mr. *Edmund W. Eyre*, and Mr. *Spencer Harty* were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

Monday, 28th May 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Pirbright.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. *Spencer Harty* was further examined.

Mr. *George Chatterton* was sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday, 21st June, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

Thursday, 21st June 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Welby.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. George Chatterton was further examined.

Mr. John Charles Mellis, Mr. John P. Griffiths, Sir Francis MacCabe, and Sir Charles Cameron were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Friday, 22nd June 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Welby.
Lord Pirbright.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Sir Charles Cameron was further examined.

Mr. Edward W. Hope, Mr. William R. Smith, and Mr. Thomas W. Parcell were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Monday, 25th June 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Welby.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Whitmore.
Mr. Harwood.

Mr. James Mahoney, Very Rev. Canon Dillon, Rev. John Parcell, Mr. Timothy Harrington (a Member of the House), and Mr. Joseph Meade were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Frederick W. Pix affirmed, and was examined.

Mr. Maurice Dockrell and Mr. Thomas Mayne were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 26th June 1900.

PRESENT:

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Pirbright.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

In the absence of the Chairman, owing to indisposition, the Committee adjourned without taking evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 28th June 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Welby.
Lord Fitzbryde.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Thomas Wallace Russell (a Member of the House) and Mr. Thomas Mayne were further examined.

Mr. John George Barton, Mr. Joseph Francis MacCarthy, and Mr. John George Donnelly were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Friday, 29th June 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Welby.
Lord Fitzbryde.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Whitmore.
Mr. Harwood.

Sir Thomas Pyle, Lord Mayor of Dublin, was sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Monday, 2nd July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Fitzbryde.

Lord Welby.
Sir Robert Mowbray.

Mr. T. F. Taylor, Q.C., was heard in support of the Petitions of Owners in the Urban District of Rathmines and Rathgar, and Owners in the Pembroke Urban District.

Mr. Worsley Taylor, Q.C., was heard in support of the Petition of the Clontarf Urban District Council, and called evidence.

Lord Ardilaun was sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 3rd July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Fitzbryde.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Lord Ardilaun was further examined.

Mr. Henry Brougham Leach, Mr. William Graham, and the Rev. Frederick William Mervyns were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

The Rev. J. L. Morris, the Rev. Moses James Lewis, Colonel Vernon, Sir Ralph Smith Church, and Mr. Baldwin Latham were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Spencer Hart and Mr. George Chatterton were further examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 5th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. George Chatterton and Mr. Baldwin Latham were further examined.

Mr. William George Perrott was sworn, and examined.

Mr. Sullivan, Q.C., was heard in support of the Petition of the Dublin County Council.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Friday, 6th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Sullivan, Q.C., was further heard in support of the Petition of the Dublin County Council.

Mr. Pembroke Stephens, Q.C., was heard in support of the Petitions of the Rathmines and Pembroke Main Drainage Board, the Rathmines and Rathgar Urban District Council, and the Pembroke Urban District Council, and called evidence.

Mr. Horace Plunkett, a Member of the House, was sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Monday, 9th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff,
Lord Wenlock,
Lord Pirbright,
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.

Mr. *Pembroke Stephens*, Q.C., was further heard in support of the Petitions of the Rathmines and Pembroke Main Drainage Board, the Rathmines and Rathgar Urban District Council, and the Pembroke Urban District Council, and called evidence.

Sir *Thomas Pyle* was further examined.

Mr. *Joshua C. Manley* was sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

Tuesday, 10th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff,
Lord Pirbright,
Lord Wenlock,
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. *Joshua C. Manley* was further examined.

Mr. *William Fry*, The Rev. *Robert Walsh*, Dr. *Robert Lafayette Swan*, and Sir *George Meyers* were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

Wednesday, 11th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff,
Lord Wenlock,
Lord Welby,
Lord Pirbright.

Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.
Sir Robert Mowbray.

Dr. *George Joseph Crinney*, Mr. *James Stuart Kincaid*, Mr. *William Batterby*, Mr. *John Coffey*, Mr. *Samuel Worthington*, Mr. *Robert F. Lidwell*, and Dr. *John Knox Denham* were sworn and examined.

The following witness was examined in support of the Petition of the Earl of Pembroke.

Earl of *Pembroke and Montgomery*.

Mr. *Henry* was heard in support of the said Petition, and called Mr. *Fane Burnet*, who was sworn, and examined.

Evidence in support of the Petition of Rathmines and Pembroke Main Drainage Board.

Mr. *Richard Rossard* was sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.]

Thursday, 12th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Richard Hassard was further examined.

Mr. Kaye Perry, Mr. Savile Crisp, and Dr. Adeney, were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Friday, 13th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Welby.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Whitmore.
Mr. Harwood.

Dr. Adeney was further examined.

Mr. Pember, Q.C., called evidence in support of the Preamble of the Bill.

Mr. William Bernard MacCabe was sworn, and examined.

Mr. Gordon, Q.C., called further evidence in support of the Petition of the Pembroke Urban District Council.

Professor Edmund Albert Letts and Captain Andrew Knox Galsworthy were sworn, and examined.

Mr. Pembroke Stephens, Q.C., recalled Mr. Joshua C. Manley, who was further examined.

[Adjourned till Monday next, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Monday, 16th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Welby.
Lord Pirbright.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Joshua C. Manley, was further examined.

Mr. Frederick P. Fawcett was sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 17th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Welby,
Lord Pirbright.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Frederick P. Faussett was further examined.

Dr. Robert Brown was sworn, and examined.

Mr. Frederick Parker Dixon, Mr. James Emerson Reynolds, Mr. William Pickering, Mr. William Hayes, and Mr. Charles Wisdom Healy were sworn, and examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 18th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Harwood.
Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Marcus Goodbody affirmed, and was examined.

Mr. William Brennan was sworn, and examined.

Mr. Little, q.c., was heard in support of the Petitions of the Rathmines and Rathgar Urban District Council, and the Rathmines and Pembroke Main Drainage Board.

Mr. Pember, q.c., was heard in reply.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Thursday, 19th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.
Lord Pirbright.
Lord Welby.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Whitmore.
Mr. Harwood.

Mr. Pember, q.c., was heard to continue his speech in support of the Preamble of the Bill.
Room cleared. The Committee deliberated.

Preamble read a second time, and amended.

Question, That the Preamble of the Bill, as amended, is proved,—put, and agreed to.
Parties called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.

Clauses considered, amended, and agreed to.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Eleven o'clock.

Friday, 20th July 1900.

PRESENT:

Sir UGHTRED KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH in the Chair.

Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Wenlock.

Sir Robert Mowbray.
Mr. Whitmore.
Mr. Harwood.

DUBLIN CORPORATION BILL—continued.

Room cleared; the Committee deliberated.

Parties called in.

Clauses further considered, amended, and agreed to.

Ordered, To report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The following SPECIAL REPORT was read, and agreed to:—

"That the Committee have approved the Bill with certain Amendments, among which are those excluding the two townships of Rathmines and Rathgar, and of Pembroke from the extensions of the boundary of the City of Dublin.

"The Committee unanimously desire to call attention to the heavy burdens falling upon the City of Dublin ratepayers for objects to which the two townships of Rathmines and Pembroke do not in their opinion adequately contribute.

"They are of opinion that these residential townships should be contributors to these burdens.

"They invite the attention of the Government to this subject, and suggest that legislation should be proposed to Parliament following the principle of the law equalising rates in London.

"The Committee have come to the unanimous conclusion that it would be a public advantage if there were one administration to control the drainage and sewers and treatment of the sewage for Dublin and the two townships. They think it would be absurd if one part of the sewage were treated at Pigeon House Fort, and other parts discharged a little distance away, within the sea-walls of the bay, without corresponding treatment. They are also of opinion that the whole community benefits by the great works now being carried out for purifying the Liffey. And they recommend that legislative steps should be taken to constitute a Joint Drainage Board for the City and the Townships of Rathmines and Pembroke, representing the Corporation and the two Urban District Councils, and to distribute over the entire area the past and future burden of both systems of drainage."

CLONTARF URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL BILL.

Counsel for the Bill:—Mr. Worsley Taylor, q.c., Mr. O'Shaughnessy, q.c., and Mr. Munroe.

Agents:—Messrs. Holmes & Co.

Petitions against:

1. THE DUBLIN CORPORATION.

Counsel:—Mr. Pember, q.c., Hon. J. D. Fitzgerald, q.c., Mr. Seymour Bushe, q.c., and Mr. Macinerney, q.c.

Agents:—Messrs. Sherwood.

2. DUBLIN UNITED TRAMWAYS COMPANY.

Counsel:—Mr. Murphy.

Agents:—Messrs. Clay & Co.

3. MRS. KATE MORRIS AS SUPERIORESS OF HIGH PARK CONVENT.

Counsel:—Reserved.

Agents:—Messrs. Graham.

4. CLONTARF AND HILL OF HOWTH TRAMROAD COMPANY.

Counsel:—Mr. Murphy.

Agents:—Messrs. Bell.

5. DUBLIN

5. DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

Counsel:—*Mr. B. D. Sullivan, q.c., and Mr. G. C. Greene.*

Agents:—*Messrs. Batten.*

Preamble read the first time.

Mr. Worsley Taylor, q.c., was heard in support of the Preamble of the Bill, and called formal evidence.

Mr. William Perrott was sworn, and examined.

Room cleared.—The Committee deliberated.

Preamble read a second time, and amended.

Question, That the Preamble of the Bill, as amended, is proved,—put, and agreed to.

Parties called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.

Clauses considered, amended, and agreed to.

Ordered, To report the Bill, as amended, to the House.